IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with <u>underlining</u> and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 1-2, 4-8, 10-14, and 16-19 in accordance with the following:

1.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED)   A method<u>, executed by a computer independent from a terminal of a user,</u> for transferring a communication fee, <u>said method</u> comprising:

registering into a transmitting information storage device, information regarding destination users, a sender, and particular packet data to be sent;

~~when~~ <u>after</u> a terminal of said destination user registered in said transmitting information storage device performs a processing to receive packet data that may include the particular packet data~~, charging said destination user~~ <u>and a first communication fee</u> for the <u>said</u> received packet data <u>is charged to said destination user</u>, ~~wherein said charging said destination user is carried out~~ without <u>being judged</u> ~~judging~~ whether or not said received packet data includes the registered particular packet<u>, calculating an amount of second communication fees charged to said destination users for said particular packet data, by using a number of packets of said particular packet data and a number of destination users specified by receiving status data for said particular packet data to be received by said terminals of said destination users registered in said transmitting information storage device, wherein said number of packets of said particular packet data is calculated from said particular packet data stored in said transmitting information storage device;</u>

<u>performing a processing to exempt the specified destination users from said second communication fee having been charged for said particular packet data;</u> and

~~transferring the communication fee, charged to said destination users for said particular packet data, to~~ <u>performing a processing to charge</u> said sender registered in said transmitting information storage device <u>for said amount of said second communication fees having been charged to said specified destination users</u>, ~~by using a receiving status data for said particular packet data to be received by said terminals of said destination users registered in said transmitting information storage device, wherein a number of packets of said particular packet data is calculated from said particular packet data stored in said transmitting information storage device, and an amount of the transferred communication fee is calculated by using a number of~~

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~~destination users specified by said receiving status data, and said number of packets of said~~
~~particular packet data~~.

2.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED)   The method set forth in claim 1, ~~further~~
~~comprising:~~wherein ~~charging said sender~~a third communication fee for the sent~~said~~ particular
packet data is charged to said sender when said particular packet data is transmitted to the
destination users registered in said transmitting information storage device.

3.   (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)   The method set forth in claim 1, wherein said
registering comprises:
        registering information regarding said sender and said particular packet data to be sent
into said transmitting information storage device; and
        registering information regarding said destination users into said transmitting information
storage device.

4.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED)   The method set forth in claim 3, wherein said
particular packet data includes ~~a~~Web page data, and said registering information regarding said
destination users includes registering information regarding said destination user that is acquired
when a terminal of said destination user requests said particular packet data.

5.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED)   The method set forth in claim 1, wherein said
calculating ~~transferring~~comprises[[:]] specifying ~~performing a processing to exempt particular~~
destination users whose terminals are confirmed to have performed said processing to receive
said particular packet data among said destination users registered in said transmitting
information storage device, ~~from the charge for said particular packet data;~~
        said performing said processing to exempt comprises registering into a charge
information storage device, said second communication fee as an exempted charging fee of
said specified destination user having been charged for said particular data, and
        said performing said ~~a~~processing to charge comprises registering into said charge
information storage device, said amount of said second communication fees as a charging fee
charged to said sender ~~said sender~~registered in said transmitting information storage device~~for~~
~~a fee of said particular packet data for said particular destination users whose terminals are~~
~~confirmed to have performed said processing to receive said particular packet data among said~~
~~destination users registered in said transmitting information storage device~~.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method set forth in claim ~~13~~, wherein said calculating ~~transferring further~~ comprises:

acquiring data regarding said particular packet data which is not received by a particular destination user~~does not reach~~; and

specifying destination users who are ~~is~~ confirmed to have performed said processing to receive said particular packet by excluding said particular destination user based on said data regarding said packet which is not received by said particular destination user~~does not reach~~.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer-readable storage storing a program, executed by a computer independent from a terminal of a user, for controlling a computer to transfer a communication fee, by:

~~when~~ after a terminal of said destination user registered in said transmitting information storage device performs a processing to receive packet data that may include the particular packet data~~, charging said destination user~~ and a first communication fee for ~~the said~~ received packet data is charged to said destination user, ~~wherein said charging said destination user is carried out~~ without being judged ~~judging~~ whether or not said received packet data includes the registered particular packet, calculating an amount of second communication fees charged to said destination users for said particular packet data, by using a number of packets of said particular packet data and a number of destination users specified by receiving status data for said particular packet data to be received by said terminals of said destination users registered in said transmitting information storage device, wherein said number of packets of said particular packet data is calculated from said particular packet data stored in said transmitting information storage device;

performing a processing to exempt the specified destination users from said second communication fee having been charged for said particular packet data; and

~~transferring the communication fee, charged to said destination users for said particular packet data, to~~ performing a processing to charge said sender registered in said transmitting information storage device for said amount of said second communication fees having been charged to said specified destination users~~, by using a receiving status data for said particular packet data to be received by said terminals of said destination users registered in said transmitting information storage device, wherein a number of packets of said particular packet data is calculated from said particular packet data stored in said transmitting information storage device, and an amount of the transferred communication fee is calculated by using a number of destination users specified by said receiving status data, and said number of packets of said~~

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~~particular packet data~~.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The computer-readable storage storing a program for controlling a computer to transfer a communication fee program according to claim 7, ~~further comprising:~~wherein ~~charging said sender~~a third communication fee for ~~the sent~~said particular packet data is charged to said sender when said particular packet data is transmitted to the destination users registered in said transmitting information storage device.

9. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The computer-readable storage storing a program for controlling a computer to transfer a communication fee program according to claim 7, wherein said registering comprises:

registering information regarding said sender and said particular packet data to be sent into said transmitting information storage device, and

registering information regarding said destination users into said transmitting information storage device.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The computer-readable storage storing a program for controlling a computer to transfer a communication fee program according to claim 9, wherein said particular packet data includes Web page data, and said registering information regarding said destination users includes a registering information regarding said destination users that is acquired in response to an access by said terminals of said destination users.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The computer-readable storage storing a program for controlling a computer to transfer a communication fee program according to claim 7, wherein said calculating ~~transferring~~ comprises[[:]] specifying ~~performing a processing to exempt particular~~destination users whose terminals are confirmed to have performed said processing to receive said particular packet data among said destination users registered in said transmitting information storage device, ~~from the charge for said particular packet data;~~

said performing said processing to exempt comprises registering into a charge information storage device, said second communication fee as an exempted charging fee of said specified destination user having been charged for said particular data, and

said performing said ~~a~~processing to charge comprises registering into said charge information storage device, said amount of said second communication fees as a charging fee charged to said sender ~~said sender~~registered in said transmitting information storage device ~~for~~

a fee of said particular packet data for said particular destination users whose terminals are confirmed to have performed said processing to receive said particular packet data among said destination users registered in said transmitting information storage device.

12.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED)   The computer-readable storage storing a program for controlling a computer to transfer a communication fee program according to claim 9~~7~~, wherein said <u>calculating</u> ~~transferring further~~ comprises:

acquiring data regarding said particular packet data which <u>is not received by a particular destination user</u>~~does not reach~~; and

specifying destination users who <u>are</u> ~~is~~ confirmed to have performed said processing to receive said particular packet <u>by excluding said particular destination user</u> based on said data regarding said packet which <u>is not received by said particular destination user</u>~~does not reach~~

13.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED)   A system<u>, executed by a computer independent from a terminal of a user,</u> for transferring a communication fee, comprising:

means for registering into a transmitting information storage device, information regarding destination users, a sender, and a particular packet data to be sent;

means for ~~charging said destination user for said packet data~~ <u>calculating, when</u> ~~when~~ <u>after</u> a terminal of said destination user registered in said transmitting information storage device performs a processing to receive packet data that may include the particular packet data, ~~charging said destination user~~ <u>and a first communication fee</u> for the ~~said~~ received packet data <u>is charged to said destination user,</u> ~~wherein said charging said destination user is carried out~~ without <u>being judged</u> ~~judging~~ whether or not said received packet data includes the registered particular packet, <u>an amount of second communication fees charged to said destination users for said particular packet data, by using a number of packets of said particular packet data and a number of destination users specified by receiving status data for said particular packet data to be received by said terminals of said destination users registered in said transmitting information storage device, wherein said number of packets of said particular packet data is calculated from said particular packet data stored in said transmitting information storage device;</u>

<u>means for performing a processing to exempt the specified destination users from said second communication fee having been charged for said particular packet data;</u>

means for ~~transferring the communication fee, charged to said destination users for said particular packet data, to~~ <u>performing a processing to charge</u> said sender registered in said transmitting information storage device <u>for said amount of said second communication fees</u>

having been charged to said specified destination users, ~~by using a receiving status data for said~~ ~~particular packet data to be received by said terminals of said destination users registered in~~ ~~said transmitting information storage device, wherein a number of packets of said particular~~ ~~packet data is calculated from said particular packet data stored in said transmitting information~~ ~~storage device, and an amount of the transferred communication fee is calculated by using a~~ ~~number of destination users specified by said receiving status data, and said number of packets~~ ~~of said particular packet data~~.

14.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system set forth in claim 13, ~~further comprising:~~ wherein ~~means for charging said sender~~ a third communication fee for the sent~~said~~ particular packet data is charged to said sender when said particular packet data is transmitted to the destination users registered in said transmitting information storage device.

15.   (ORIGINAL)   The system set forth in claim 13, wherein said means for registering comprises:

first means for registering information regarding said sender and said particular packet data to be sent into said transmitting information storage device; and

first means for registering information regarding said destination users into said transmitting information storage device.

16.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED)   The system set forth in claim 15, wherein said particular packet data includes a Web page data, and said second means for registering includes means for registering information regarding said destination user that is acquired when a terminal of said destination user requests said particular packet data.

17.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED)   The system set forth in claim 13, wherein said means for calculating ~~transferring~~ comprises[[:]]

~~means for~~ specifying ~~performing a processing to exempt particular~~ destination users whose terminals are confirmed to have performed said processing to receive said particular packet data among said destination users registered in said transmitting information storage device, ~~from the charge for said particular packet data; and~~ said means for performing said processing to exempt comprises registering into a charge information storage device, said second communication fee as an exempted charging fee of said specified destination user having been charged for said particular data, and said means for performing a said processing

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to charge comprises registering into said charge information storage device, said amount of said second communication fees as a charging fee charged to said sender ~~said sender~~ registered in said transmitting information storage device ~~for a fee of said particular packet data for said particular destination users whose terminals are confirmed to have performed said processing to receive said particular packet data among said destination users registered in said transmitting information storage device~~.

18.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED)   The system set forth in claim ~~15~~13, wherein said means for calculating ~~transferring~~ further comprises:

means for acquiring data regarding said particular packet data which is not received by a particular destination user ~~does not reach~~; and

means for specifying destination users who are ~~is~~ confirmed to have performed said processing to receive said particular packet by excluding said particular destination user based on said data regarding said packet which is not received by said particular destination user ~~does not reach~~.

19.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED)   A method, executed by a computer independent from a terminal of a user, for transferring a communication fee, said method, comprising:

after a terminal of a destination user receives packet data that may include particular packet data and a first communication fee for the received packet data is charged to said ~~charging a~~ destination user for received packet data, which may include particular packet data, regardless of whether the particular packet data was included in the received packet data, calculating an amount of a second communication fee charged to said destination user for said particular packet data, by using a number of packets of said particular packet data and a number of destination users specified by receiving status data for said particular packet data to be received by terminals of said destination users, wherein said number of packets of said particular packet data is calculated from stored particular packet data stored;

performing a processing to exempt the specified destination users from said second communication fee having been charged for said particular packet data and

~~transferring a communication fee charged to the destination user for the particular packet data to~~ performing a processing to charge a sender registered in a transmitting information storage device for said amount of said second communication fees having been charged to said specified destination users ~~by using a receiving status data for said particular packet data to be received, wherein a number of packets of the particular packet data is calculated from the particular packet data stored in the transmitting information storage device, and an amount of~~

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~~the transferred communication fee is calculated by using a number of destination users specified~~

~~by the receiving status data, and the number of packets of said particular packet data.~~